

Poultney Board of Selectmen  
Meeting  
**Monday, September 11, 2017 – 6:30 pm**  
Poultney Town Hall

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 8/28/17
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns
  - i) Regional Marketing Initiative presentation
    - Mary Cohen, Executive Director of Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce
    - Lyle Jepson, Executive Director of Rutland Economic Development Corporation
  - ii) Craig Rivers, Poultney Rotary Club re: liquor license for Chili Cook-Off
  - ii) Terry Williams, discussion re: intersection of Ruby, High and Upper Roads, traffic control signage
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
  - Letters & Communications
  - Finel Hollow Bridge Necessity / Compensation Hearing, William Ringer
  - Finel Hollow Bridge, Barbara Blaess, death
  - PROJECT Work Safe, second visit scheduled for 9-20-17
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 7) Health Officers Report
- 8) Executive Session
- 9) Board Orders
- 10) Adjourn

## Meeting Minutes

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Jeff King called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Tom Coloutti, Frank Fressie, Terry Williams and George Miller. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson, Town Manager, Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper, Mary Cohen, Lyle Jepson and Jonas Rosenthal

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Tom Coloutti made a motion to adopt the agenda. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Approval of Minutes:** Terry Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/24/17. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried

### **Public Comments and Concerns:**

#### **Regional Marketing Initiative presentation, Mary Cohen and Lyle Jepson**

- Presentation addressed issues of declining population and shrinking workforce in Rutland County and marketing strategy to improve economy
- Census Projection for Poultney showing continuing decrease in population
  - older population is increasing and younger population is decreasing
- selected a marketing firm to promote tourism, increase population of young working people and retain college students
- looking for people from Poultney to join the Quality of Life Committee (4 – 6 meeting per year)
- asking for contribution of \$1.00 per resident
- Chamber annual meeting is October 19, 2017
- Paul Donaldson: Has there been an initiative to fill the many vacant buildings?  
Have there been any efforts in vocational and hard sciences education?
- Lyle Jepson: “I taught Tech Ed for many years”.
- Jon Muise is the USDA Acting State Director of Rural Development

- There are promotional grant opportunities
- Jeff King: I'd like to look into this more
- Terry Williams: we need someone from the Town to get involved
- Frank Fressie: look at Stowe Vermont, they've done very well promoting themselves

**Craig Rivers, Poultney Rotary Club re: liquor license for Chili Cook-Off**

- talked with Paul Donaldson before the meeting -going to stay in Taps

**Terry Williams, discussion re: intersection of Ruby, High and Upper Roads, traffic control signage**

Terry Williams: my garage was hit, people speed all the time

- stop sign will help
- need law enforcement presence

Paul Donaldson: will talk to Brian Sanderson

- there is a traffic study (need to find)

**Road Report:**

Paul Donaldson reported the following for Ron Kelley:

- started putting up winter sand
- prices of winter salt decreased about \$10/ton
- now offering pre-treated salt (going to try this year)
- worked on Griffen Road

Paul Donaldson: I'll ask Ron about doing some more mowing on a few roads

**Town Managers Report:**

Paul Donaldson reported the following:

- Letters & Communications
  - ATV Riders (someone from Wells may wish to come to Select Board meeting to discuss)
- Jeff King: there are no roads in Poultney open to ATV's

-Finel Hollow Bridge Necessity / Compensation Hearing, William Ringer

-AOT pushed to repair work to 2019

-Finel Hollow Bridge, Barbara Blaess, death

-with the passing of Barbara Blaess, now definitely looking at a later date

- never formalized the easement deed

- now will go to probate court

- still aiming for the summer of 2019

Paul Donaldson: Now we need to do something to the bridge

- will call AOT to see what we can do

Terry Williams: Send letter to the Governor

Frank Fressie: We have a Legislature:

- we need to put our Representatives to work for us

- Representatives should be dealing with AOT

- send formal request to Pattie McCoy and Peg Flory (and all others)

Paul Donaldson: I will draft a letter from the Chairman of the Board

-Project Work Safe, second visit scheduled for 9-20-17

- first visit went through Town Garage, nothing major found

- second visit will go through Fire House and Town Hall

- when the second visit is complete, we will receive a written report with time frame to complete all items

### **Transact Any Other Lawful Business:**

-Jonas Rosenthal discussion about how criminal offences are prioritized

-Town is having more issues (possibly with same people)

-follow-up with current cases (is the State's Attorney's Office going to prosecute)

### **Health Officer:**

Terry Williams reported the following:

- dog bit 160 College Street, 4 yr. old child

- dog was registered, rabies vaccinated and rabies booster

- 10 days have passed -told dog owner need to get certificate from vet, then will close the case

**Executive Session:**

Terry Williams made a motion to enter Executive Session at 8:39 pm to discuss personnel matters. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried

George Miller made a motion to end executive session at 9:00 pm. Tom Coloutti seconded motion. Motion carried

**Board Orders:**

Tom Coloutti made a motion to pay board orders. George Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Adjournment:**

Terry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Fressie seconded motion. Motion carried

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s/Neisja Crawford, Secretary / Bookkeeper